

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Lindsay S. Machan *et al.*
Application No. : 09/476,490
Confirmation No. : 7911
Filed : December 30, 1999
For : STENT GRAFTS WITH BIOACTIVE COATINGS

Examiner : Melanie TYSON
Art Unit : 3773
Docket No. : 110129.411
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants wish to withdraw this application from Appeal and to reopen prosecution. Accordingly, in response to the last outstanding Office Action dated September 5, 2007, please find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and authorization for the requisite fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.